

# Michael Traynham Discusses Environmental Law in The South Carolina Bar

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## Media Mention

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Nexsen Pruet's Michael Traynham, an experienced environmental attorney in the firm's Columbia office, was featured in the South Carolina Bar's recent article, "Story behind the story: Affected person standing and 'walking the tightrope' of environmental law."

The piece details the implications of The South Carolina Supreme Court's recent decision in *Preservation Society v. S.C. Dep't of Health & Env'tl. Control and South Carolina Ports Authority*. Traynham discusses how the ruling indicates a transformation in the "affected person" standard as well as his career in environmental law.

## Excerpt

Traynham recognizes the many major environmental law issues looming on the immediate horizon. From his own perspective, water quantity regulation has remained under the radar for many residents of the Palmetto State, but it serves as a pressing concern looking forward.

"South Carolina is not yet a water scarce state like some west of the Mississippi, but water is a critical resource for everything we do: drinking water, water for industrial use, irrigation for agriculture," Traynham described. "Balancing access to that resource for everyone who needs it and making sure we have enough for future growth is a major issue right now."

Traynham's experience practicing environmental law has taken shape in many opportunities. Before joining Nexsen Pruet, Traynham worked at Fort Jackson as an environmental law attorney, and he also previously served as Chief Counsel for Environmental Quality Control at the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC). It was from Traynham's experience with standing issues at DHEC that especially

inspired him to pursue writing on the subject.

*To read the full article, [click here](#).*

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